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TO: SAIGON (FOR [REDACTED], DIRECTOR, [REDACTED])

THIS IS FROM IAS

1. ANALYSIS OF GIANT SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY DATED [REDACTED] REVEALED THE CHINESE-CONSTRUCTED ROAD BETWEEN MUONG SAI (RC 1290) AND NAM BAC (TH3583) HAS APPARENTLY BEEN EXTENDED TO THE NAM (RIVER) OU NEAR ITS CONFLUENCE WITH THE NAM BAC AT TH5177. A MOTORABLE ROAD EXTENDED FROM THE LIMIT OF PHOTO COVERAGE AT TH3480, 3 KILOMETERS (KM) SOUTH OF NAM BAC, THROUGH THE TOWN OF NAM BAC AND EASTWARD TO THE NAM OU. THIS 22 KM SEGMENT OF ROAD IS APPARENTLY AN EXTENSION OF THE ROAD FROM MUONG SAI WHICH WAS LAST OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] AT THAT TIME THE EASTERN MOTORABLE LIMIT OF THE ROAD WAS LOCATED AT TH283774, 9 KM SOUTHWEST OF NAM BAC. APPROXIMATELY 23 KM OF ROAD, BETWEEN TH1276 AND TH3480, WERE NOT OBSERVED ON THE [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

2. THE NEW SEGMENT OF MOTORABLE ROAD TERMINATED IN THE VICINITY OF TH498773, 15 KM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF NAM BAC ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE NAM OU. CONSTRUCTION CAMPS WERE OBSERVED AT TH485784 AND TH486777. THREE VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED AT THE FORMER CAMP. ROADBED GRADING CONTINUED BEYOND THE MOTORABLE LIMIT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 1.5 KM TO TH510767 NEAR AN UNNAMED VILLAGE CENTERED AT TH512760. THIS VILLAGE CONTAINED A MILITARY COMPOUND WITH SEVEN BARRACKS AND AT LEAST 50 CIVILIAN STRUCTURES.

3. PORTIONS OF THE ROAD WEST OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION WERE ALSO OBSERVED ON THE [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY. CONSTRUCTION ON THE ALL WEATHER, DUAL LANE ROADBED WAS CONTINUING FROM ROUTE 46 TO THE VICINITY OF TH1276. CRUSHED ROCK WAS BEING APPLIED TO THE ROADBED AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS AND FOUR ROAD ROLLERS WERE WORKING ALONG THE ROUTE. CONSTRUCTION ON THREE CONCRETE BRIDGES ALONG THE ROUTE APPEARED COMPLETE.

4. THE FERRY CROSSING AT MOUNG KHOUA (TJ 4133) WAS ALSO COVERED ON [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY, BUT QUALITY WAS REDUCED DUE TO

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OBLIQUITY. NO CHANGE TO THE FERRY RAMP ON THE WEST BANK OF THE  
NAM OU WAS APPARENT AND THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.  
THE RAMP ON THE EAST BANK COULD NOT BE SEEN CLEARLY. A FERRY,  
PROBABLY THE HIGHWAY FERRY SEEN ON PREVIOUS COVERAGES, WAS MOORED  
ON THE EAST BANK NORTH OF THE RAMP.

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